THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) Continuous dialogue is being held with the corporate sector in order to persuade them to invest in promotion of sports including training of sports persons for major international events like Asian Games and Olympics. This process will be facilitated by the recent amendment to the income tax rules to include promotion of sports as eligible for 100 per cent deduction under Section 35-AC of the income Tax Act.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The following steps have been taken by Government for training of our sports persons for the next Olympic Games:

(i) Efforts are being made to improve standards of performance of our Juniors by providing them with intensive training, sports equipment, and international exposure, etc. These Juniors will form the core of our Olympic Games Contingent for 1996.

(ii) Sports Academies in select disciplines are being established in coordination with the concerned National Sports Federations, Corporate Sector and the Sports Authority of India.

(iii) International standard equipments is being imported for the training of the probables for 1996 Games.

(iv) The services of foreign coaches are being engaged for training of the probables in consultation with the concerned Federations.

(v) Monitoring Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports with eminent sports persons as members to monitor the preparation of the Indian contingent for the forthcoming Asian Games and all other major international tournaments and upto and including the Olympic Games of 1996.

Reservation in Universities for N.R.Is.

4535. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have consented to reserve 5 per cent seats for non-resident Indian in all the Universities in the country; and

(b) whether this non-resident students will have to pay their tution fees and other fees in foreign exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by UGC, the UGC has not proposed any percentage for admission of NRIs in universities. The Supreme Court has directed that upto 5 per cent seats can be used by unaided, professional Institutions for admitting NRIs against payment seats. This judgment, however, does not apply to universities and Govt. colleges.

Interview of parents for admission in nursery classes

4536. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the recommendation of committee of top academician on scrapping the test for nursery classes;

(b) whether Government are aware that currently some of the institutions interview the parents prior to admission in nursery classes; and

(c) whether such system would jeopardise the prospects of some student from

getting admission in renowned institutions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The National Advisory Committee set up under the chairmanship of Prof. Yash Pal to suggest ways to reduce the academic burden on school students starting from the pre-primary to senior seconlary stage submitted its report on 15th July, 1993. The Committee has made several recommendations including abolition of practice of holding tests and Interviews for admission to nursery class. The Government has set up a group to examine the recommendations of the Committee.

Reorganisation of Advisory Board in University

4537. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a report on a number of Universities involved in irregularities in declaration of the University Conducted Examinations;

(b) whether these Universities are recurringly defaulting in declaratlon of the result;

(c) whether University Grant Commission propose to take stern action against these universities; and

(d) whether Government propose to advise these Universities to reorganise their Advisory Board?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Government have not received any report in this regard. However, as per information furnished by UGC, they (UGC) are aware of reports in the press about late conduct and late declaration of results of University examination in some parts of the country.

(c) and (d) The Universities are autonomous. It is for the concerned universities/State Governments to take action as per provisions in their Act. The answer to the problem lies in improving efficiency in universities. As for reorganising university bodies, Gnanam Committee appointed by the UGC has given its report and the same will be considered by the CARE.

Ban on aggressive Advertisements regarding Infant Milk Products

4538. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban advertisements which are aggressive or states that certain infant milk products are better than mothers' milk indicating action taken under the Infant Milk Substitutes Feeding Bootles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1992 which came into force from August 1, 1993 especially when India is celebrating World Breast feeding week (August 1 to 7, 1993);

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether Government propose to designate non-Governmental Organisation who should be vigilant on issues like violation of the said Act by people and bring them to the notice of the court for prosecutions;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and in what manner strict enforcement/implementation of the Act proposed to be ensured by Government; and

(d) whether any workshop was recently organised in this regard as stated in a newsitem published in the Hindustan Times dated 5-8-93; if so, the details/recommendations thereof on breast feeding which is a much for atleast first four months of the baby?